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REMARKS

Summary of Examiner Interview:

In a teleconference with Examiner Bianco on 12/12/2005, Examiner Bianco acknowledged that she had not considered certain claim limitations in applying Lichtenstein. Applicant's attorney indicated that Lichtenstein shows a panel shaped structure but this structure is not fluid carrying structure as required of the claims. The structure of the recited panels were discussed further and Examiner Bianco indicated that additional art groups would have to be searched.

Specification

The Specification is proposed to be amended to correctly identify the priority references.

Claim Rejections

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

Claims 1-5, 7-12, 14, and 16 were rejected as anticipated by Lichtenstein (4,703,983).

The claims are replaced by new claims to emphasize the distinctions between the prior art and the cited references. In a teleconference with Examiner Bianco on 12/12/2005, Examiner Bianco acknowledged that she had not considered certain claim limitations in applying Lichtenstein. Applicant's attorney indicated that Lichtenstein shows a panel shaped structure but this structure is not fluid carrying structure as required of the claims. The new claim 18 recites: "a first panel comprising first and second sheets of flexible material forming a portion of a fluid pathway" so this limitation is included in the revised claims. Similarly, new claim 23 also recites "a first panel comprising first and second

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sheets of material sealed to form a first fluid pathway and a first chamber,” and new claim 26 recites “said fluid circuit including at least one panel defined by flexible panel walls in which fluid flows between said flexible walls.” So the feature that distinguishes the cited references is in all the new claims.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

The Office Action cited a further reference, Manica (5,679,245) in support of limitations relating to clamping regions. The limitations to which Manica applies are not in the revised claims. Therefore the basis of rejection is not argued.


The undersigned attorney may be reached at 202-778-1118.

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